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DWR Increases 2006 State Water Project Allocation to 80%

SACRAMENTO - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has announced it is increasing its allocation of 2006 State Water Project (SWP) water for long-term contractors from 70% to 80% of requests.

“The water year started out really wet during December, stalled during late January and February, and we’re again pretty flush thanks to a mammoth March,” commented Dan Flory, Chief of the Department’s State Water Project Analysis Office.

He credited a huge March snowpack increase for giving DWR the opportunity to provide SWP contractors 80% of their requests.

Flory added, “The Feather River Basin snowpack nearly doubled in the last three weeks.”

Last year, record precipitation in the northern Sierra allowed DWR to increase SWP allocations to 90% at the end of May. This year, the State is again experiencing higher than normal rainfall and snowpack amounts.

An 80% percent allocation amounts to 3,301,465 acre-feet, distributed among the 29 long-term SWP Contractors who serve more than 23 million Californians and about 750,000 acres of irrigated farmland.

SWP Contractors' Table A water for 2006 totals 4.13 million acre-feet, of which all was requested. Table A water is the maximum contractual amount that SWP Contractors can request each year.

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